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Yuma is distinguished for the lightest rainfall of any section of this country, and is exceeded in that respect by only one other place in the world-Suez. During the past year the aggregate has not exceeded one inch, and this was the product of a single shower. After this statement it is scarcely necessary to add that Western Arizona is not an agricultural country. Nothing can be raised without irrigation, and this only in the river bottoms. Here the valley of the Colorado is seven miles wide and is covered with a thich growth of mesquite, arrow weed, cottonwood and willow. The Gila river, rising in New Mexico and dragging its languied length across the whole width of Arizona, sometimes sinking and again reeppearing, empties into the Colorado at this point, O: the bottom lands of these rivers ditches have been made at great expense by the larger Spanish ranchers for irrigating purposeand immense crops of barley, wheat and fruit are raised. The Indians also take advantage of the usual annual overflow to cul tivate considerable land around mines daily from thirty to forty their settlements.

Nine miles below Yuma, an American, Mr. Hall Haulon, has a flourishing truit ranche, where he raises grapes in large quantities, weeks in advance of the Upper California crop. Western Arizona, outside of these narrow strips of arable land, consists of barren mesas, covered with gravel and cactus, of bare mountain ranges and dirt hills, and is utterly unproductive. The surface of the ground is furrowed by arroyothe beds of torrents caused by the occasional cloud bursts.

rivers and in the Eastern p rt of easily be accomplished there for the Territory, rains are frequent and grass for stock abundant, not yielding more than ten dol that pertion is rapidly flying up lars, will pay handsomely. Little with farmers and cattle men, can be accomplished at quartz amongst whom the Morinou element is conspicuous.

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The g evest if not the only valne Arizona has in her minerals, and there is every indication that with the increased accessibility which the railroad is giving her, it will soon to be the richest secon in the precious metals yet discovered. There seems to be o part of its great Territory. alates of New York, Pennsylva- at work with pans and dry washula and Ohio, which is not rich in ers and many have met with asetal. Gold, silver, copper, lead tonishingly rich results. The fin- probably never before in the his-

rugged mountain ranges which separating the gold from the dirt ganality been displayed in devitraverse the Territory in every Within the past year there has been great activity in mining matters here, and a large increase in the number of solid Eastern capitalists, amongst whom are a notable proportion of Philadelphians, arriving in search of investments. Quartz mills are coming in on almost every freight train, and the indications of a lively, legitimate mining business are evident. In every direction new mining districts are being opened; and each of these becomes the provocation for a more or less thriving settlements, with the usual feautures of saloons, groceries, gamblers and newspapers in proportion to the size of the boom.

On either bank of the Colorado. north of Yuma, are flourishing mining enterprises in active operation. Of these Picacho, Silve: and Castle Districts are especially prosperous in silver mining. In addition to these richly paying locations many of the mines of low grade, ones which formerly ets." could not be worked to pay, are, by means of the cheap transportation furnished by the railroad, now yielding profitable returns, Six miles below this town, on the California side, is the quartz Mill of the Yuma Mill and Mining Company, whose rock is brought from from the Carga Muchacho range, ten miles further inland. This mine, started two years ago with ten stamps, has this year been increased to twenty, and It is said that this or which is claimed to yield from twenty to thirty-five dollars of gold per ton, can be mind, hauled and milled for ten dollers per ton.

The advantages of quartz mining in this locality over rigions more remote are immense. At Gila City, for instance, sixteen miles east o. Yuma, rich ledges of gold quartz are found within a mile and a half of the Gila River and the railroad, and an unlimited quantity of wood lies between the m untains and river. I am assured by experienced miners Along the Salinas and Verde that the expense of milling can six dollars per ton, and that rock, mining without capital, but this need not be lorge-\$15,000 to \$20,-000 will be sufficient to establish a ten stamp mill in this vicinity and commence operations, and the risk of at least fair paying re. su ts almost nothing,

Within the past lew weeks much excitement has been caused here by the discovery of rich placers near Mesquite Station, forty miles west, and already about one est equalling in extent the hundred and fifty men are hatu and from abound in the bare and possibility of obtaining water for there of railroading he more or times.

has led to the invention of many ing remedies for meeting these. direction, and the guiches at their ingenious machines for dry wash- For bundreds of miles it was nefeet are the seats of rich placers. ing, These act by panning out cossary to truns port water for the dust by agitation leaving the men, snimals and engines. The heavier gold behind, and are country through which it passes more or less on the principal of for a thousand miles furnishes our windmill. With one of these notating in the way of unsterial, three men have been realizing Much have been said in local polfrom one hundred to two hundred litical circles of the overgrown forand fifty dollers a day, and with tunes of these reilrond unquates, a common pan an expert Mexican Taking into consideration the giwill save an ounce (\$18) in the gantic work which they have so same time. This form of mining requiring no capital and generally yielding a support, with no end of golden possibilities, is especially attractive, as there is always the chance of striking a pocket and realizing a fortune then and there. These placers, the result of ages of degradation of the gold bearing ledges of neighboring mountain ranges, may generally be traced to their sources by following up the natural depressions on which they are found. When seated upon the bed rock such depressions in this as from natural "riffles" are the depositories of the coarser gold and constitute the socalled "pock-

Rattronds. The southern branch of the S. P. R. R. arrived at the Colorado river and Arizona nearly four years ago, and two years later the work was resumed, and at this date it has penetrated some fifty miles into New Mexico, and now needs but about one hundred hundred miles to complete the distance to El Paso, and by junction with the A. T. and S. F. road furnish a new trans-continental route. That it will become a favorite one with through travelers, especially in winter, on account of immunity from the dangers of snow blockades and for its delightful climate during a large part of the year, is beyond doubt, and for Arizona the advantages will be incalculable, Tucson, now approached by so circuitous a route, will be brought almost as near to St. Louis and the East as Salt Lake City, and the facility with which Eastern products can be transported direct will so diminish the cost of living as to remove the principal objection to residence here, Only those who knew Arizona in the old days, when travel and freighting were by horse power alone, and week of dreary dragging through the sands of this American Sahara were necessary to make the distance between San Diego or San Bernardino and the Colorado river and thence to Prescott or Tueson, with all the harships, privations and dangers accompanying such a journey, can adequately apprecinte the present advantages furnished by this road of properly realized the credit due those men whose pluck and enterprise con-

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plished so wonderful a work.

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able have been overcome, and

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well accomplished and its effect upon the general's prosperity of the country, the army of men to whom they give support, and the indirect stimuins to all branches of industry of which they are the mainspring. I cannot but feel that they deserve all they get from it. Two years ago a journey from Yuma to Tueson. made on a buckboard in toture inexpressible required three days and nights; by private conveyance, from twelve to fifteen days. Three days ago the president of the United States and party in special palace cars, passed between the two places in eight hours.

Arizona towns have a good reputation for law and order. Life and property are well protected, and now that Victorio has been FOUND IN RIS STORE. demolished, there is no part of the Territory which may not be safely traversed. There are pleasent homes and refined society, and interesting. Prescott, the capital, has all the appearance of a New England village, with its white frame cottages dotting the beautiful knowls which form the foot-hills of picturesque mountains covered with forests of pine

Along the southern border timber is scarce and the buildings are generally of adobe with dirt roofs, and the general effect is dismal and depressing. The cost of living along the line of the road is very moderate for the frontier, and a great variety of fresh vegetables, 'fruit, &c., can be daily procured from Los Angeles and intermediate stations.

Of the many interesting features which Arizona presents to the naturalists and tourists, I have no space to enlarge upon at this time. the many relics of bygone and unknown people; of the cliff houses; of the missions of the late Spanish occupants, and of the grand canons of the great and little Colorado's much has of late years been published by various scientific explorers.

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